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Dear Governor Martinez and Members of the New Mexico Legislature:

As Chief Justice, it is an honor and a privilege to present to you the Judiciary's FY16 unified budget request. As the third branch of government, the Judiciary must fulfill its constitutional obligation to each and every citizen. Each day, courts at every level resolve disputes that directly and indirectly impact the health, safety, economic, social, and civil interests of all New Mexicans and they do so at just a fraction of the state's overall budget. Our FY16 budget request represents only 2.66% of the estimated FY16 state recurring general fund available for appropriation, an increase of only .11% over our FY15 appropriation.

The New Mexico Judiciary has consistently managed its fiscal resources in a conservative and responsible manner and we have begun to recover from the economic downturn. Our recovery, however, has lagged behind that of the rest of the state. During the past six years, state recurring general fund appropriations have increased 5.43% while general fund appropriations to the Judiciary have increased at only two-thirds that rate at 3.64%. Our requested general fund increase will help to narrow that gap and allow our courts to meet their most critical needs which are prioritized as follows:

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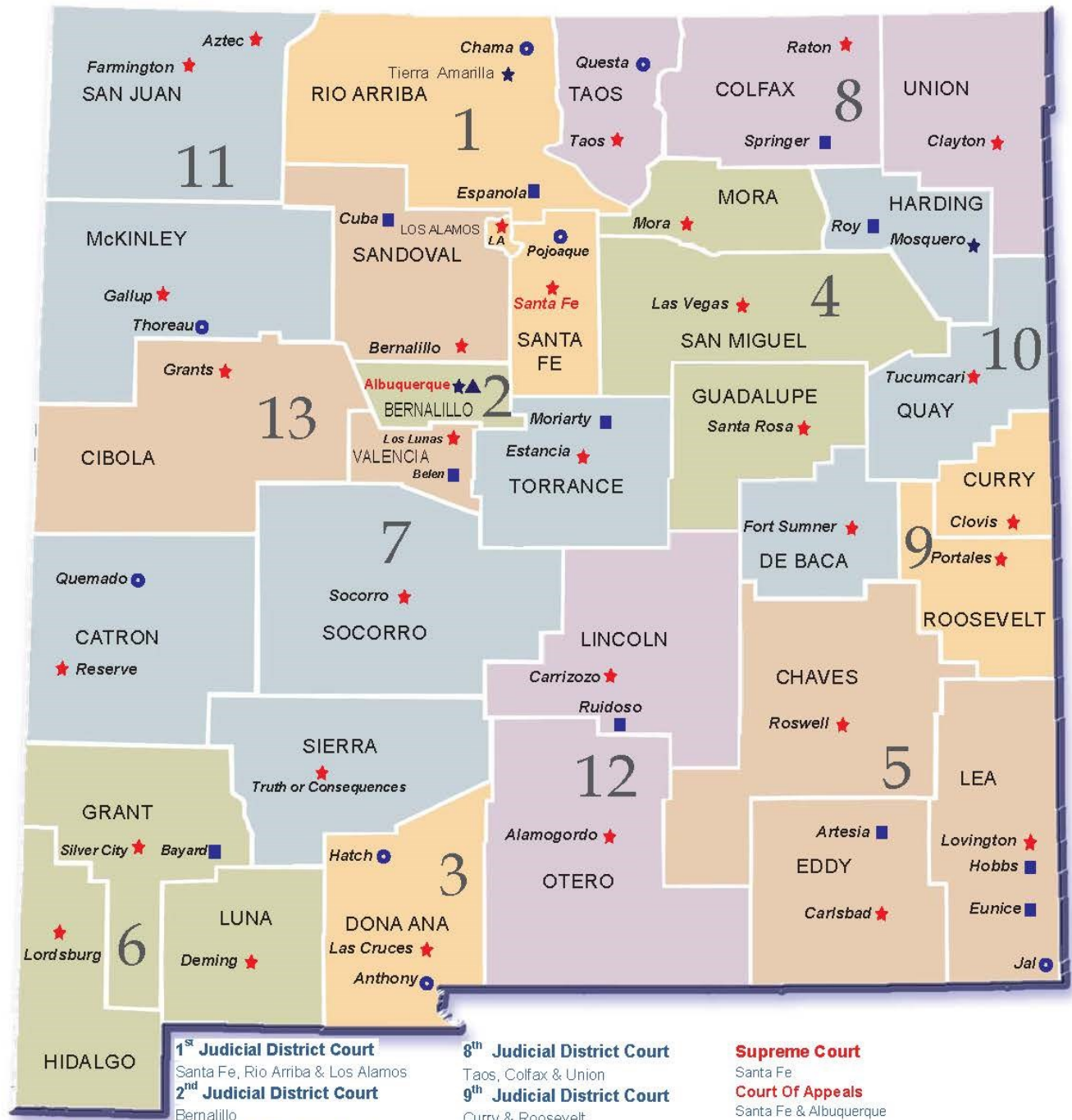
While our budget request may appear small compared to others, each dollar is critical to our courts, strengthens our ability to serve our citizens, and allows us to fulfill our constitutional obligations. I look forward to working with you to ensure that our courts have the resources they require to meet the justice needs of all New Mexicans.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara J. Vigil".

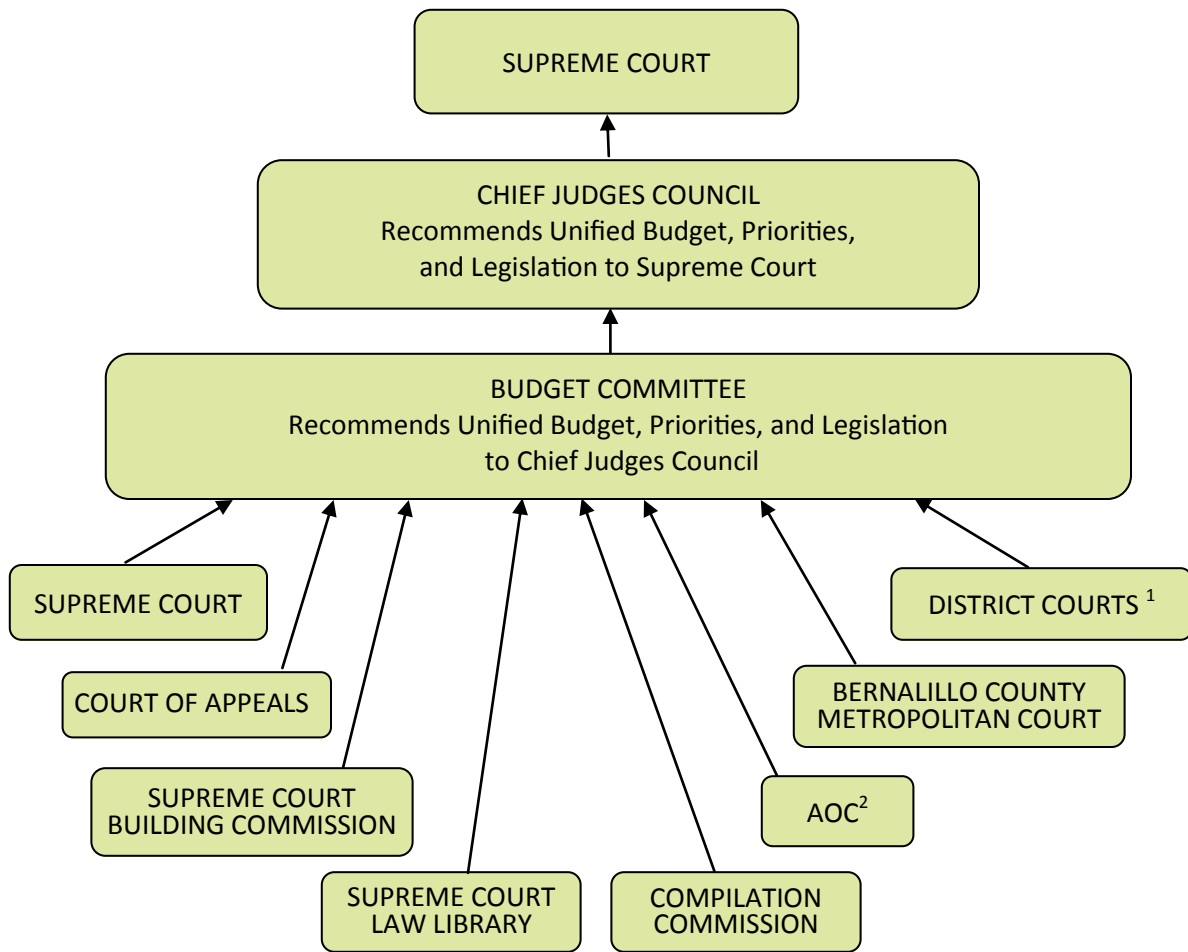
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NEW MEXICO STATE COURTS



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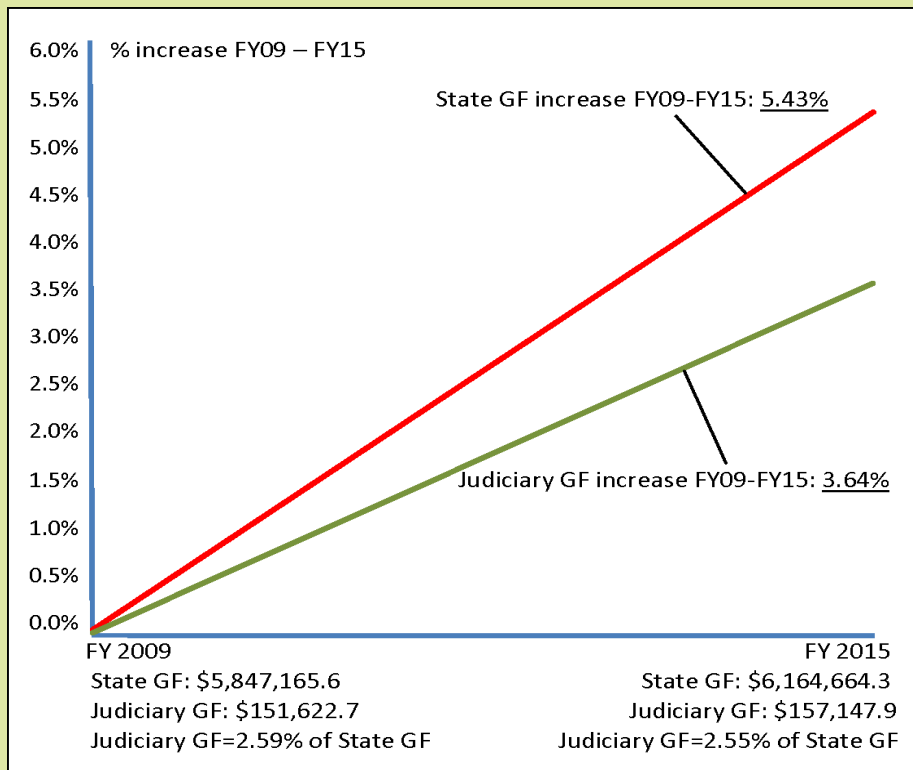
UNIFIED BUDGET PROCESS



1. Each District Court submits an individual budget request. The judicial districts are:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Rio Arriba Santa Fe Los Alamos	Bernalillo	Doña Ana	Mora San Miguel Guadalupe	Lea Eddy Chaves	Grant Luna Hidalgo	Catron Sierra Socorro Torrance
8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	
Taos Colfax Union	Curry Roosevelt	Harding Quay De Baca	San Juan McKinley	Lincoln Otero	Cibola Sandoval Valencia	

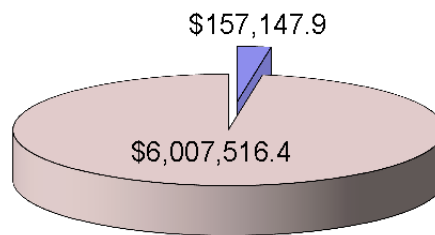
2. Administrative Office of the Courts submits budgets for Magistrate Courts, Administrative Services, Court Services, and the Judicial Information Division.



**General
Fund
Appropriation
Gap**

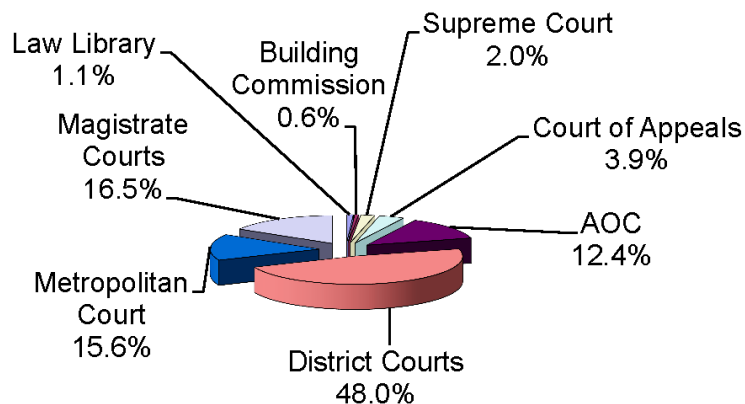


**FY 2015 General Fund Appropriation
Distribution (in thousands)**



- Total Judiciary General Fund (2.55%)
- Total All Other Non-Judicial General Fund

**FY 2015 OpBud General Fund Appropriation
Distribution Percentages**



UNIFIED BUDGET PRIORITIES FY 2016

Priority No. 1 - Adequate Base Budget Funding - \$8,956,200 (+5.7%)

- Courts' base budget increases \$2,856,100 (2.58%)
- AOC base budget increase \$6,100,100 (+13.00%)

Priority No. 2 - AOC Statewide Programs

Funding for three programs which are critical to courts statewide:

- Magistrate Courts \$3,096,700
- Jury & Witness Fund and Language Access \$1,666,900
- Court-Appointed Attorney Fund \$871,000

Priority No. 3 - Public Safety Initiative for Courts Statewide

- Critical Statewide Security Assessment - \$200,000 (special appropriation)

Priority No. 4 - Critical Personnel Additions and New Programs

- 27.5 additional FTEs statewide – \$2,177,200
- 10.5 positions with no additional general fund impact
- Veterans' Court and Elder Court, Second Judicial District—\$445,000

Priority No. 5 - Problem-Solving Courts – \$775,000

- Problem-Solving Courts continue to demonstrate significant benefits to the criminal justice system. This year's request is consistent with the Judiciary's 3-Year Plan for Growth of New Mexico Problem-Solving Court Programs.

Priority No. 6 – Two New Judgeships and Related Staff – \$822,200

- Second Judicial District (Albuquerque) - Criminal Division
- Third Judicial District (Las Cruces) - Children's Court

Priority No. 7 - Judge and Staff Compensation

- Compensation increases consistent with any across the board increases for other state employees

SUMMARY—JUDICIARY UNIFIED BUDGET REQUESTS FY 2016

	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Running Total</u>	<u>Running %</u>
Base Operating Budgets*	\$8,956,200	\$8,956,200	5.70%
Critical Personnel Additions and New Programs	\$2,622,200	\$11,578,400	7.37%
Problem Solving Courts	\$775,000	\$12,353,400	7.86%
New Judgeships	\$822,200	\$13,175,600	8.38%
PERA & Insurance Rate Increases	\$1,480,700	\$14,656,300	9.33%
<p><i>*AOC base budget increase = \$6,100,100 (+13%)</i> <u>Magistrate Courts</u> \$3,096,700 <u>Jury & Witness and Language Access</u> \$1,666,900 <u>Court Appointed Attorney Fund</u> \$871,000</p>			

The total GF request for FY 2016 is \$171,804,200. This is an increase of \$14,656,300 (9.33%) over the FY 2015 GF appropriation of \$157,147,900.

- Since FY 2011 the courts have received a decreasing portion of state appropriations.
- In FY 2011 the Judiciary GF appropriation was 2.66% of state GF appropriations. For FY 2015, the Judiciary portion of state GF is 2.55%.
- For the past six years, Judiciary appropriations of general funds have increased at only two-thirds the rate of overall state appropriations.
- For FY 2016, using the December 2014 Consensus General Fund Recurring Outlook estimates, the FY 2016 GF appropriations will be \$6.292 billion. The Judiciary general fund request of \$171,804.2 million would be 2.73% of total GF appropriations. **This would be slightly above the 2.66% provided to the Judiciary in FY 2011.**

ADEQUATE BASE BUDGET FUNDING

Unified Budget Priority No. 1

- The requested GF increase for Judiciary base budgets is \$8,956,200 (+5.7%). Non-AOC requests total \$2,856,100 (+2.58%) to fund mandatory GSD premium and rate increases as well as essential basic services in courts statewide. AOC requests total \$6,100,100 (+13%) to fund the programs identified in Unified Budget Priorities Nos. 2 and 5.

AOC STATEWIDE PROGRAMS

Unified Budget Priority No. 2

Magistrate Courts GF Increase: \$3,096,700

- 86% of the increase replaces \$2,658,100 in FY 2015 funds not available in FY 2016
- The Magistrate Court budget has absorbed a reduction of \$1.5 million since FY 2011 in Facility Fund revenue used to pay lease costs due to declining fee collections.

\$1,150,000 Vetoes of Magistrate Court Operations Fee (SB 38) and Excess Bond Fund Distribution (SB 84) removed funding budgeted in FY 2015.

\$1,200,000 Warrant Enforcement fund balance spent for operations in FY 2015 not available in FY 2016.

\$308,100 Magistrate Court Mediation Fund balance dedicated to Magistrate Court operations in FY 2015 not available in FY 2016.

\$438,600 Increased operations funds for FY 2016 (1.63%).

Jury & Witness and Language Access GF Increase: \$1,666,900

- Jury and Witness Fund pays for jurors, court witnesses and interpreters required by the New Mexico Constitution and several statutes. Appropriations for jurors and interpreters are chronically short of required payments. FY 2015 appropriation is \$1,017,200 less than was requested.
- GF request for FY 2016 is \$6,121,400, (Jury & Witness \$2,967,700; Language Access \$3,153,700.) AOC will seek legislation to separate Language Access from Jury & Witness to improve fund management.
- Increased costs include \$462,500 to pay jurors the \$7.50 hourly rate required by statute.

Court Appointed Attorney Fund GF Increase: \$871,000

- Significant growth in abuse and neglect case filings added to historically inadequate funding in the CAAF, which pays for attorney services for parents and children in abuse and neglect cases. The increase will provide funding for additional attorneys and assist in our efforts to keep attorney case-loads at a reasonable amount.

PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVE FOR COURTS STATEWIDE

Unified Budget Priority No. 3

- Keeping our courts safe and secure for the public, court employees, and judges continues to be a priority. The Judiciary has struggled to keep our courts secure, particularly in rural communities. The Judiciary seeks one-time funding (\$200,000) to analyze and propose solutions to address our security needs.

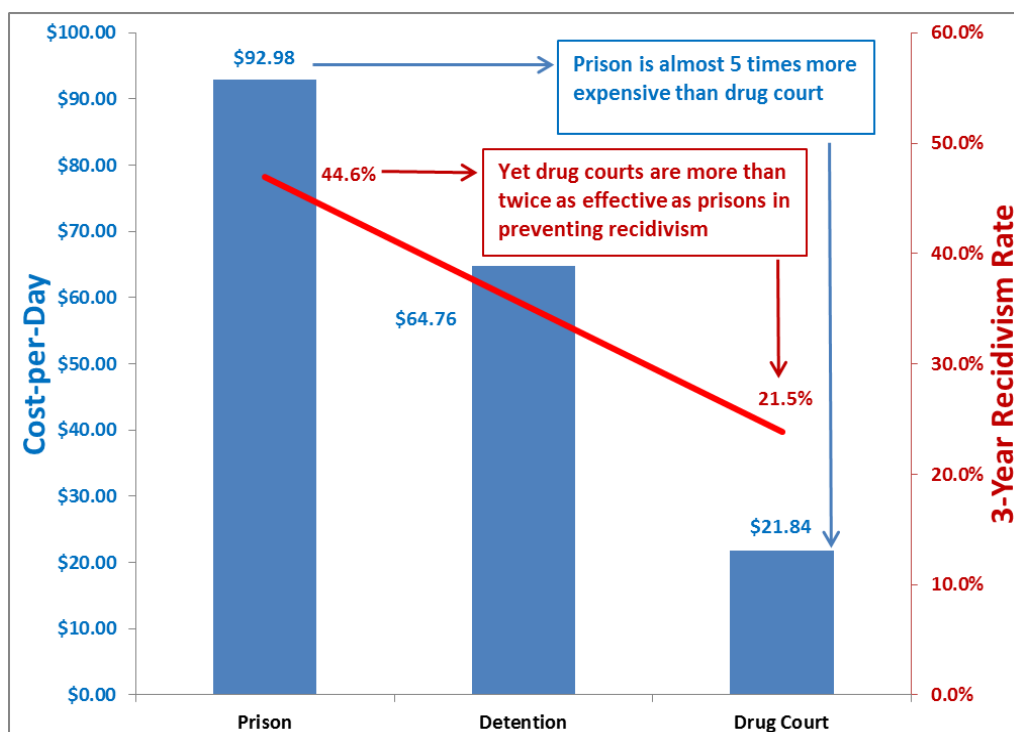
CRITICAL PERSONNEL ADDITIONS AND NEW PROGRAMS
Unified Budget Priority No. 4

Judicial Unit	No/GF Impact	Final FTE	Critical Personnel Additions For FY 2016	Cost
AOC Admin Support	NGFI	6.0	Language Access Coordinators	0.0
AOC Admin Support	NGFI	1.0	Admin Asst to Language Access Prog Mgr	0.0
AOC Magistrate Drug Court	NGFI	1.0	Program manager for Magistrate Mediation—TERM	0.0
AOC Admin Support	NGFI	0.5	Financial Specialist for Interpreter vouchers	0.0
AOC Admin Support	NGFI	1.0	NMCLA Program manager—TERM	0.0
AOC Special Court Services	NGFI	1.0	Mag. DWI DC (DCAC funded position)	0.0
Subtotal FTE NGFI		10.5	Subtotal No General Fund Cost	0.0
AOC Admin Support	GF	0.5	SW Pro Mgr. (Loss of Federal Funding)	41.9
AOC Admin Support	GF	1.0	DWI Project Mgr. —Loss of Alb. Red Light revenue FB	81.4
AOC Mag. Court Prog	GF	3.0	DWI DC Coordinators (TSB loss of Federal Funding)	208.2
AOC Statewide Auto Prog	GF	6.0	IT Specialist to Assist Court Staff	510.0
AOC Statewide Auto Prog	GF	1.0	DBA	101.2
AOC Court Services	GF	0.5	ADR—Project Manager and Program Funding	117.5
AOC Admin Support	GF	1.0	Admin Asst. —Support CIP & CAAF	61.4
AOC Admin Support	GF	1.0	Associate Attorney—Juvenile Justice Initiatives	101.2
AOC Admin Support	GF	1.0	Mgmt. Analyst—assist Jury Program Manager	78.7
AOC Admin Support	GF	1.0	SW Prog. Mgr. —Language Access Planning	101.2
1st Judicial District Court	GF	1.0	Court Clinician I—Mediation	90.0
1st Judicial District Court	GF	1.0	Probation Officer II—Drug Court	70.3
3rd Judicial District Court	GF	1.0	HR Generalist	50.1
6th Judicial District Court	GF	0.5	Admin. Asst. —Grant Co. Adult DC (Reclass PT to FT Perm)	24.5
6th Judicial District Court	GF	0.5	Surv. Officer—Luna Co. Juvi. DC (Reclass PT to FT Perm)	26.0
8th Judicial District Court	GF	1.0	Bailiff—Colfax County	41.1
8th Judicial District Court	GF	1.0	Court Clerk—Union County	48.6
9th Judicial District Court	GF	1.5	1.0 Probation Officer and 0.5 Court Counselor—Roosevelt Co.	100.8
10th Judicial District Court	GF	1.0	Financial Specialist	60.7
13th Judicial District Court	GF	1.0	Court Clerk II (Jury Clerk Sandoval Co.)	50.8
13th Judicial District Court	GF	1.0	Hearing Officer—lapsing funds w/in Foreclosure Project	129.9
13th Judicial District Court	GF	1.0	Project Manager—lapsing funds w/in Foreclosure Project	81.7
Subtotal FTE requiring GF		27.5	Subtotal General Fund Cost For Personnel	2,177.2
Program expansion w/o FTEs	GF	/	2nd Judicial District Veterans' Court and Elder Court	445.0
Total				2,622.2

PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS

Unified Budget Priority No. 5

- FY 2016 request increases problem-solving appropriations by \$775,000.
- Increase is consistent with the "3-Year Plan for Growth of New Mexico Problem-Solving Court Programs" adopted by the Supreme Court in July 2013.
- Increase leaves problem-solving court funding below FY 2009 by \$800,000.
- Problem-solving funding directly impacts the number of program participants. Since 1994 over 17,500 individuals have participated in problem-solving courts and over 8,500 have graduated. There are currently 1,025 active participants in our drug courts which is down from 1,200 in FY 2009.
- There are currently 52 active problem-solving courts in New Mexico including: 44 drug courts (17 adult/felony, 16 juvenile, 3 family dependency, and 8 DWI), 5 mental health/treatment courts, and 3 pilot programs.
- Average drug court cost-per-client-per-day in FY 2014 was \$21.84. Average daily cost of incarceration (NMCD) is \$92.98. Daily detention at a county detention center costs \$64.76.
- Average drug court recidivism rate is 21.5% for three years post-program exit. Three-year reincarceration rate of NMCD is 44.6%.



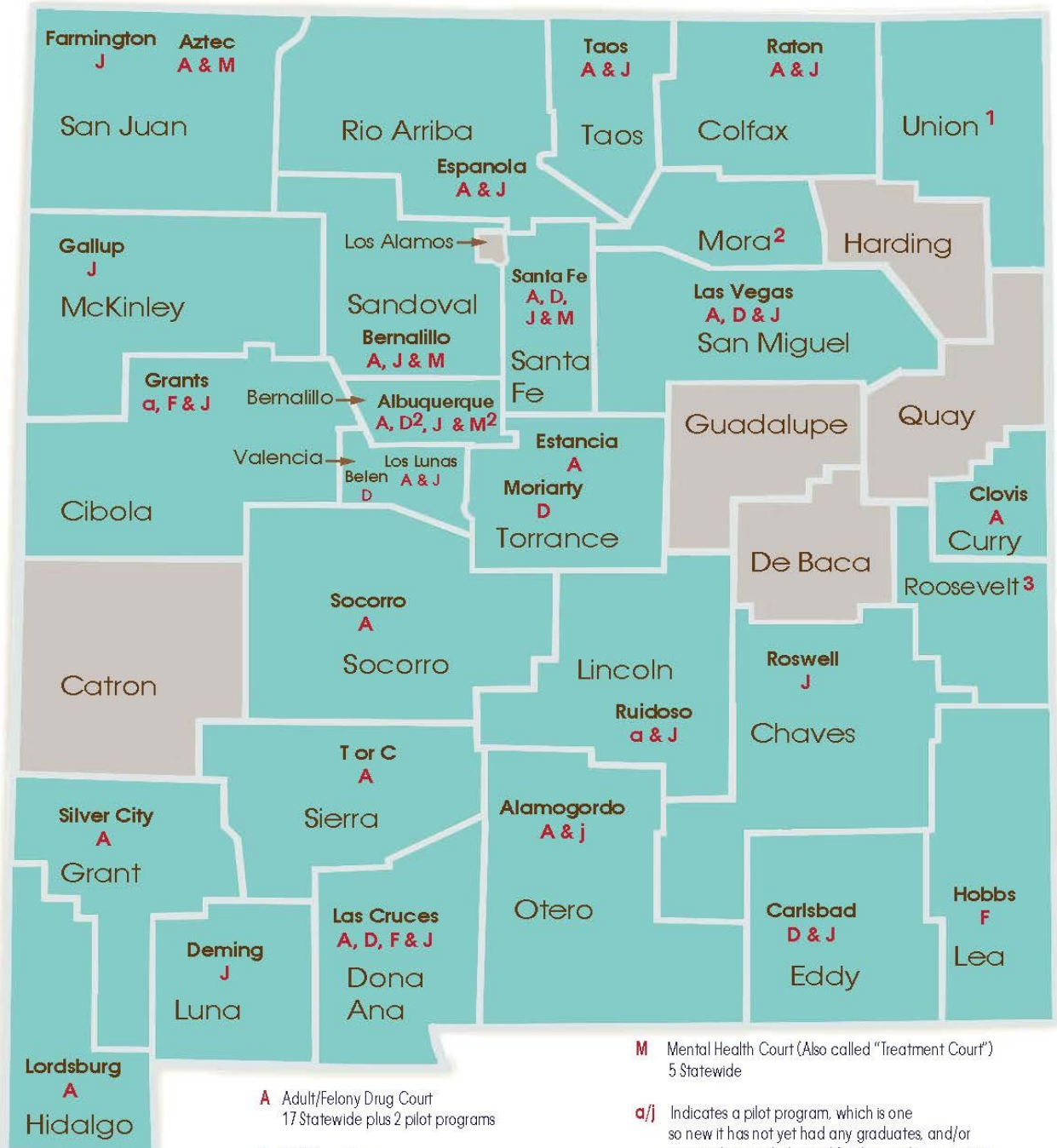
Drug Courts are almost 5 times less expensive than prison, yet 2 times more effective in preventing recidivism.

The cost of detention is calculated by the New Mexico Sentencing Commission as part of the Detention Facility Reimbursement Act.

NEW MEXICO PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS:

DISTRICT, METROPOLITAN, AND MAGISTRATE

As of December 2014, 27 counties (green-colored) have at least one drug court program, while only 6 (beige-colored) do not yet.



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TWO NEW JUDGESHIPS AND RELATED STAFF
Unified Budget Priority No. 6

Location and costs of one judge and related court staff

Court location	Staff requested	Equipment	Cost	Running Total
2nd Judicial District (Criminal Division) (Albuquerque) (has 27 judges)	Trial Court Administrative Assistant, Bailiff, Court Reporter	IT, furniture, and supplies \$9,000	\$385,700	\$385,700
3rd Judicial District (Children's Court) (Las Cruces) (has 8 judges)	Trial Court Administrative Assistant, Bailiff, Court Reporter, and Court Clerk II	IT, furniture, and supplies \$9,000	\$436,500	\$822,200

- The Judiciary's Workload Steering Committee is tasked with assessing current work processes to develop a model for measuring workload in courts statewide. Over the past six years, the implementation of a statewide case management system, electronic filing in civil cases, expansion of assistance efforts for increased filings by non-attorney, self-represented litigants, broader use of alternative dispute resolution opportunities for litigants, and many other changes in the technology and business processes for employees and judges have substantially re-engineered the way courts work. This committee, composed of judges and staff representing the diversity of court types throughout New Mexico, will develop the parameters for measuring workload in this new work environment. A comprehensive assessment of the work of employees and judges will provide reliable data on the need for judges and staff that is based on how courts now function.

JUDGE AND STAFF COMPENSATION
Unified Budget Priority No. 7

The Judiciary seeks compensation increases for employees and judges consistent with any increase provided for state employees for FY 2016.

- The Judiciary's Employee Fair Pay Committee is tasked with developing a long-term, sustainable plan to achieve and maintain employee compensation consistent with the data-driven Judicial Branch Classification and Compensation Plan. The objective is to pursue fair pay for employees as a priority for FY 2017.
- The Judiciary will also develop a plan, in conjunction with the bi-partisan Judicial Compensation Commission, to achieve and maintain equitable judicial compensation, beginning in FY 2017.

FY 2016 JUDICIARY CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS

Judicial Unit	Critical Facility Needs	Amount Requested
Supreme Court Bldg. Comm.	Renovations & Repairs to Supreme Court Building	\$746,494
First Judicial District	Purchase, Install and Upgrade Security Equipment for Rio Arriba County	\$8,000
Ninth Judicial District	Security Equipment for Roosevelt County	\$60,000
Ninth Judicial District	Audio/Visual and Evidence Presentation System for Roosevelt County	\$5,000
Bern Co Metro Court	Plan, Design and Construct Improvements to 4th Floor	\$660,262
Sub-Total		\$1,479,756
Judicial Unit	Critical Security Needs	Amount Requested
AOC - Statewide Magistrates	Security/Odyssey Retrofit	\$54,000
AOC - Statewide Magistrates	Security Installation	\$794,000
Second Judicial District	Purchase, Install and Upgrade Security Equipment	\$171,469
Third Judicial District	Fencing to Secure Parking Lot	\$25,000
Fourth Judicial District	Purchase of Security Surveillance Equipment for the Las Vegas Courthouse	\$10,800
Ninth Judicial District	Security Equipment for Curry County	\$30,000
Tenth Judicial District	Security Improvement by Modifying Public Access to the Clerk's Office	\$200,000
Eleventh Judicial District	Renovation of Counters in Farmington and Gallup	\$150,000
Eleventh Judicial District	Installation of Security Card Access in Farmington	\$40,000
Thirteenth Judicial District	Upgrade of Security Cameras	\$100,000
Bern Co Metro Court	Replace the Current Analog Camera Security System	\$369,700
Sub-Total		\$1,944,969
Judicial Unit	Critical Other Needs	Amount Requested
AOC - Statewide Magistrates	High Density Filing Systems	\$952,000
Second Judicial District	Purchase Evidence Presentation System for the Entire Court	\$1,300,000
Eighth Judicial District	Integrated Audio/Video Equip. & Video Cart for Union County Courthouse	\$71,850
Ninth Judicial District	Audio/Visual and Evidence Presentation System	\$20,000
Thirteenth Judicial District	Courtroom Technology	\$300,000
Bern Co Metro Court	Plan, Design and Construct a New Courtroom	\$1,691,842
Sub-Total		\$4,335,692
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST		\$7,760,417

FY 2016 JUDICIARY SPECIAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS

Judicial Unit	General Fund	CSEF	Amount Requested	Purpose
AOC Specials	GF		\$250,000	Statewide Computer Refresh
	GF		\$480,000	Document Imaging Equipment
	GF		\$120,000	AOC Vehicles (Five - 2 Replace AOC & 3 for Magistrate Division
	GF		\$100,000	Information Tech. Library
	GF		\$250,000	Magistrate Video Equipment Replacement
	GF		\$200,000	Analyze court security needs
AOC Specials Sub Total			\$1,400,000	
Data Processing		\$295,000		Cyber Security
		\$780,000		Jury Management System
		\$220,000		Rewrite for RCS
Data Processing Sub Total		\$1,295,000		
AOC Statewide Magistrates	GF		\$530,000	Fixtures, Furnishings and Equipment
District Courts				
Second Judicial District	GF		\$148,775	Purchase of For the Record (FTR) Equipment; Real Time Computer Equipment; and Courtroom Furniture
2nd Total—\$299,150	GF		\$150,375	Purchase of Furniture for Court Facilities
Third Judicial District	GF		\$32,000	VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) Phone System Court-Wide
Fourth Judicial District	GF		\$40,000	Purchase of Furniture for the Santa Rosa Courthouse
Ninth Judicial District	GF		\$85,000	Refresh Computer Hardware, Software, Courtroom Sound Systems and Digital Recording Equipment
Eleventh Judicial District	GF		\$50,000	Replacement of Two (2) Vehicles in Aztec
	GF		\$50,000	Replacement of Courtroom Equipment
11th Total—\$140,000	GF		\$40,000	Replacement of Office Furniture (Cubicles)
Twelfth Judicial District	GF		\$20,000	Two (2) ST View Scan II Imaging Machines to Replace Microfilm Machines
	GF		\$31,000	Furniture & Equipment for the Lincoln County Renovation & Expansion Project
12th Total—\$66,000	GF		\$15,000	Replacement of Clerk's Office Work Stations in Otero County
District Courts Total			\$662,150	
TOTAL		\$1,295,000	\$2,592,150	

LEGISLATION FOR 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Judgeships in the Second and Third District Courts	Add one judge and staff to the Second Judicial District Court and one judge and staff to the Third Judicial District Court at a cost of \$822,200.
Municipal Court Appeals to the Supreme Court	Section 35-15-11 currently directs that appeals from municipal court on the validity of ordinances first go to district court, and then directly to the Supreme Court. This system of appeals from municipal court predates the creation of the court of appeals, which is the intermediate appellate court in New Mexico. The amendment would direct that appeals from municipal court would still first go through district court, but then through the court of appeals. HB 42 introduced in 2013 session died on Senate floor.
Civil Judgments in Magistrate Courts	A statute, NMSA 39-1-20, provides for execution on a magistrate court civil judgment within 7 years. A second statute, NMSA 37-1-2, provides the opportunity to revive the judgment for another 7 years. A third statute, NMSA 37-1-3, limits judgments based on certain private written instruments to 6 years, including such judgments in magistrate courts. The conflict between the general 7-year judgment period and the specific 6-year judgment period causes confusion. By removing the words "courts not of record" in the title and text of 37-1-3, the proposed legislation makes it clear that execution on all magistrate court civil judgments can occur within 7 years with the option to revive the judgment for 7 years.
Separate Jury Fund from (new) Language Access Fund	Create "Language Access Fund" with language broad enough to authorize funding for activities relating to language access (pay interpreters, provide training, operate the NMCLA on revenues, pay AOC language access staff, etc.) and fund those activities separately from the existing Jury and Witness Fund.
Statutory Duties of the AOC Director	Authorize the AOC director to receive non-general fund monies, expenditure of which is subject to appropriation. This legislation allows the AOC director to receive public and private funds, as is already authorized for Secretaries in the executive departments, to carry out the programs, duties or services required of the AOC. Examples would be receiving funds from attendees at a training to cover the cost of the training, or receiving out-of-state payments to the NMCLA for on-line training programs developed by NMCLA. <i>(Continued on page 16)</i>

LEGISLATION FOR 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
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Credit Against Fines and Fees for Time Served in County Jails	The current statute permits inconsistent application of detention center credit against fines and fees. As little as 1 hour or as much as 23 hours can be credited against 8 hours of fines and fees at a rate of \$7.25 per hour (\$58). The proposed legislation requires that at least the final 8 hours of credit be actually served over at least 8 hours.
Sliding Fee Scale for ADR Program	Courts are responding to the increase of self-represented litigants by working to establish court-connected ADR programs. The various filing fees are insufficient to support expanding ADR services, and there is no authority to generally assess costs. This legislation would amend Section 34-6-45 to authorize the assessment of costs based on a sliding scale approved by the Supreme Court.
Magistrate Court Compliance and Probation Activities	A memorial to explore magistrate courts employing compliance personnel and operating compliance programs.

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